

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for providing call recipient local information comprising the steps of:
 - identifying an attempt to establish a telephone call between an originating call source and a receiving handheld device;
 - responsive to said identification, determining information local to said receiving handheld device; and,
 - providing said determined local information to said originating call source, said originating call source deciding whether to complete said telephone call or terminate said telephone call based upon said determined local information.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said local information comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, day and location where said receiving handheld device is located.
3. The method according to claim 2, wherein said local information is determined by acquiring said information from a time source.
4. A method for providing call recipient local information comprising the steps of:
 - initiating a call between an originating call source and a receiving handheld device;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device; and
processing said call based on said received local information.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein said local information comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, day and location where said receiving handheld device is located.

6. The method according to claim 4, wherein said local information is determined by acquiring said information from a time source.

7. The method according to 4, wherein said processing step comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of connecting said call to said receiving handheld device, connecting said call to a voice mail box, and disconnecting said call.

8. A system for providing location-based call recipient information comprising:
a wireless service provider for providing wireless telephony services to a network of handheld devices;
a time source for electronically reporting information local to each of said handheld devices; and,

6 a notification system configured to provide local information acquired from said
 7 time source in response to an attempt to establish a connection between an originating
 8 call source and a handheld device in said network, said notification system being further
 9 configured to provide said local information prior to establishing said connection, said
 10 notification being yet further configured to delay establishing said connection until a
 11 decision to affirmatively establish said connection is made at said originating call source
 12 based on said provided local information.

9. A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having
 a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the
 machine to perform the steps of:

identifying an attempt to establish a telephone call between an originating call
 source and a receiving handheld device;

responsive to said identification, determining information local to said receiving
 handheld device; and,

providing said determined local information to said originating call source, said
 originating call source deciding whether to complete said telephone call or terminate
 said telephone call based upon said determined local information.

10. The machine readable storage according to claim 9, wherein said local information comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, day and location where said receiving handheld device is located.

11. The machine readable storage according to claim 10, wherein said local information is determined by acquiring said information from a time source.

12. A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

initiating a call between an originating call source and a receiving handheld device;

receiving local information from a service provider which services said receiving handheld device; and

processing said call based on said received local information.

13. The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said local information comprises information selected from the group consisting of a time, date, day and location where said receiving handheld device is located.

1 14. The machine readable storage according to claim 12, wherein said local
2 information is determined by acquiring said information from a time source.

1 15. The machine readable storage according to 12, wherein said processing step
2 comprises, selecting an action from the group of actions consisting of connecting said
3 call to said receiving handheld device, connecting said call to a voice mail box, and
4 disconnecting said call.

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